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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR00/01567		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE June 8, 2000		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED June 9, 1999	
TITLE OF INVENTION NOVEL CANDIDA ALBICANS GENES AND PROTEINS CODED BY THESE GENES					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US LALANNE et al					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
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17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: <b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE ( 37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5) ) :</b> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO. .... \$970.00  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$840.00  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$760.00  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$670.00  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$96.00  <b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b>				<b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b>  \$1040.00	
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- ☐ The paper Sequence Listing submitted herewith and computer readable Sequence Listing attached hereto are identical (37 C.F.R. §1.821(f)).
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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--This application is a 371 of PCT/FR00/01567 filed June  
8, 2000.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (amended) An isolated polynucleotide containing a  
nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of

a) a polynucleotide having at least 50% identity with

a polynucleotide coding for a polypeptide having the same function and having an amino acid sequence homologous with a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ. ID NO: 10, SEQ. ID NO: 12 and SEQ ID NO: 14,

b) a complementary polynucleotide of polynucleotide a) and

c) a polynucleotide comprising at least 15 consecutive bases of the polynucleotide defined in a) and b).

Claim 2 (amended) A polynucleotide of claim 1 which polynucleotide is of DNA.

Claim 3 (amended) A polynucleotide of claim 1 which polynucleotide is of RNA.

Claim 4 (amended) A polynucleotide of claim 2 comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID. NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID No: 7, SEQ ID No: 9, SEQ ID No.: 11 and SEQ ID No: 13.

Claim 5 (amended) A DNA sequence of claim 1, wherein the DNA sequences are those of the genes coding respectively for the proteins of *Candida albicans* having the same functions as the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 and containing a nucleotide sequence selected

from the group consisting of SEQ ID No: 1, SEQ ID No: 3, SEQ ID No: 5, SEQ ID No.: 7, SEQ ID No: 9, SEQ ID No: 11 and SEQ ID No: 13.

Claim 6 (amended) A DNA sequence of genes of claim 5 coding for an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID No: 2, SEQ ID No: 4, SEQ ID No: 6, SEQ ID No: 8, SEQ ID No: 10, SEQ ID No: 12 and SEQ ID No: 14.

Claim 7 (amended) A DNA sequence coding for the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 of claim 5 and the DNA sequence which hybridizes with these and/or have significant homologies with these sequences or the fragments thereof and code for proteins having the same functions.

Claim 8 (amended) A DNA sequence of claim 5 comprising modifications introduced by suppression, insertion and/or substitution of at least one nucleotide coding for the proteins having the same activities as the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR498, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361.

Claim 9 (amended) A DNA sequence of claim 5 and a DNA sequence which has an homology of nucleotide sequence of at least 50% with said DNA sequences.

Claim 10 (amended) A DNA sequence of claim 5 and a DNA

sequence which codes for the proteins with similar functions, the respective AA sequences of which have an homology of at least 40%, rather at least 60% with the AA sequences coded by said DNA sequence.

Claim 11 (amended) A polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID No: 2, SEQ ID No: 4, SEQ ID No: 6, SEQ ID No.: 8, SEQ ID No: 10, SEQ ID No: 12 and SEQ ID No.: 14 coded by the DNA sequence of claim 5 and the analogs of the polypeptide.

Claim 12 (amended) A polypeptide of recombinant proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 having respectively the amino acid sequences SEQ ID No: 2, SEQ ID No: 4, SEQ ID No: 6, SEQ ID No 8, SEQ ID No: 10, SEQ ID No: 12 and SEQ ID No: 14 comprising, for the preparation of each of the proteins, expressing in an appropriate host the DNA sequence coding for the protein of claim 5 and isolating and purifying said recombinant protein.

Claim 13 (amended) An expression vector containing one of the DNA sequences of claim 5.

Claim 14 (amended) A host cell transformed with a vector of claim 13.

Claim 15 (amended) The process of claim 12 wherein the host cell is DH5 alpha E. coli or XL1-Blue E. coli.

Claim 16 (amended) The process of claim 13 wherein the host cell is *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

Claim 17 (amended) At least one plasmid deposited at the CNCM under the numbers I-2214, I-2215, I-2216, I-2217, IK-2211, I-2212 and I-2213.

Claim 18 (amended) A screening process for antifungal products comprising a stage where the activity of one of the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 as defined in claim 11 is measured, in the presence of each of the products of which one wishes to determine the antifungal properties and selecting the products having an inhibitory effect on this activity.

Claim 21 (amended) A pharmaceutical composition containing as active ingredient at least one inhibitor of the proteins of *Candida albicans* of claim 20.

Claim 24 (amended) An antibody directed against a polypeptide of claim 11 or a fragment of this polypeptide having the same function.



Claim 25 (amended) The antibody of claim 24 directed against any one of the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 or a fragment of these proteins.

Claim 27 (amended) A kit for the diagnosis of fungal infections comprising a DNA sequence of claim 5 or a sequence having a similar function or a functional fragment of this sequence, the polypeptide coded by this sequence or a polypeptide fragment having the same function or an antibody directed against such polypeptide coded by this DNA sequence or against a fragment of this polypeptide.


Cancel claims 19, 20, 22, 23 and 26 and add the following.

--28. A method of inducing an immunological response in a mammal comprising inoculating a mammal in need thereof with a polypeptide of claim 11 to produce an antibody to protect the mammals.

29. A method of treating a disease caused by *Candida albicans* yeast in mammals comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof a gene selected from the group consisting of CaDR472, CaDR489, 1CaDR527, 2CaDR527, CaFL024, CaNL260 and CaDR361 or of any one of the proteins coded by these genes.--

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- 1) <sup>AN</sup> ~~isolated~~ polynucleotides ~~each~~ containing a nucleotide sequence <sup>selected</sup> ~~chosen~~ from the ~~following~~ group <sup>consists of</sup>
- 5 a) a polynucleotide having at least 50 % ~~or at least~~ 60 % and preferably at least 70 % identity with a polynucleotide coding for a polypeptide having the same function and having an amino acid sequence homologous with a sequence <sup>selected</sup> ~~chosen~~ from <sup>The group consists of</sup> SEQ ID No: 2, SEQ ID No: 4, SEQ ID No: 6, SEQ ID No: 8, SEQ ID No: 10, SEQ ID No: 12 and SEQ ID No: 14,
- b) a complementary polynucleotide of polynucleotide a) <sup>and</sup>
- c) a polynucleotide comprising at least 15 consecutive bases of the polynucleotide defined in a) and b).
- 15 2) ~~A~~ polynucleotides according <sup>to</sup> claim 1 ~~such that these~~ polynucleotides <sup>is</sup> ~~are~~ of DNA.
- 3) ~~A~~ polynucleotides according <sup>to</sup> claim 1 ~~such that these~~ polynucleotides <sup>is</sup> ~~are~~ of RNA.
- 4) ~~A~~ polynucleotides as defined <sup>of</sup> in claim 2 ~~each~~ comprising a nucleotide sequence <sup>selected</sup> ~~chosen~~ from <sup>The group consists of</sup> SEQ ID No: 1, SEQ ID No: 3, SEQ ID No: 5, SEQ ID No: 7, SEQ ID No: 9, SEQ ID No: 11 and SEQ ID No: 13.
- 20 5) ~~A~~ DNA sequences <sup>of</sup> as defined <sup>in</sup> claims 1, 2 and 4 ~~wherein~~ characterized in that these DNA sequences are those of the
- 25 genes coding respectively for the proteins of Candida albicans ~~having~~ the same functions as the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 ~~and each~~ containing a nucleotide sequence <sup>selected</sup> ~~chosen~~ from <sup>The group consists of</sup> SEQ ID No: 1, SEQ ID No: 3, SEQ ID No: 5, SEQ ID No: 7, SEQ ID No: 9, SEQ ID No: 11 and SEQ ID No: 13.
- 30 6) ~~A~~ DNA sequences <sup>of</sup> of genes according <sup>to</sup> claim 5 ~~each~~ coding for an amino acid sequence <sup>selected</sup> ~~chosen~~ from <sup>The group consists of</sup> SEQ ID No: 2, SEQ ID No: 4, SEQ ID No: 6, SEQ ID No: 8, SEQ ID No: 10, SEQ ID No: 12 and SEQ ID No: 14.
- 35 7) ~~A~~ DNA sequences <sup>and</sup> coding for the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 ~~According to claims 5 and 6 as well as~~ the DNA sequences <sup>which</sup> hybridizes with these and/or have significant homologies with

these sequences or the fragments <sup>thereof</sup> of these and code for proteins having the same functions.

- 8) ~~A DNA sequence according to claim 5 to 7~~ comprising modifications introduced by suppression, insertion and/or substitution of at least one nucleotide coding for the proteins having the same activities as the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361.
- 9) ~~A DNA sequence according to one of claims 5 to 8 as well as the DNA sequences which have an~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~homology of nucleotide sequence of at least 50 % or at least 60 % and preferably at least 70 % with said DNA sequences.~~
- 10) ~~A DNA sequence according to one of claims 5 to 9 as well as the DNA sequences which code for the proteins with similar functions, the respective AA sequences of which have an~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~homology of at least 40 % and in particular of 45 % or of at least 50 %, rather at least 60 % and preferably at least 70 % with the AA sequences coded by said DNA sequences.~~
- 11) ~~A Polypeptides each having an amino acid sequence~~ <sup>selected</sup> ~~from~~ <sup>chosen</sup> ~~from~~ SEQ ID No. 2, SEQ ID No. 4, SEQ ID No. 6, SEQ ID No. 8, SEQ ID No. 10, SEQ ID No. 12 and SEQ ID No. 14 coded by the DNA sequences ~~according to one of claims 5 to 10~~ and the analogues of these polypeptides.
- 12) ~~A process for the preparation of recombinant proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 having respectively the amino acid sequences SEQ ID No. 2, SEQ ID No. 4, SEQ ID No. 6, SEQ ID No. 8, SEQ ID No. 10, SEQ ID No. 12 and SEQ ID No. 14 comprising, for the preparation of each of these proteins, the expression in an appropriate host of the DNA sequence coding for this protein~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~according to one of claims 5 to 10, then the isolation and purification of said recombinant protein.~~
- 13) ~~A expression vectors each containing one of the DNA sequences according to one of claims 5 to 10.~~
- 14) ~~A Host cell transformed with a vector according to claim 13.~~
- 15) ~~A process as defined in claim 12 in which the host cell is DH5 alpha E. coli or XL1-Blue E. coli.~~ <sup>wherein</sup>
- 16) ~~A process as defined in claim 13 in which the host cell is~~ <sup>wherein</sup>

17) ~~One or more of~~ <sup>At least one</sup> the plasmids deposited at the CNCM under the numbers I-2214, I-2215, I-2216, I-2217, I-2211, I-2212 and I-2213.

- 5 18) ~~A screening process for antifungal products characterized in that it comprises~~<sup>inv</sup> a stage where the activity of one of the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361, as defined in claim 11 is measured, in the presence of each of the products of which one wishes to determine the antifungal properties and <sup>selecting</sup> ~~the~~ products having an inhibitory effect on this activity ~~are selected~~.
- 10 19) ~~Use of a product selected by the process according to claim 18 to obtain an antifungal agent.~~
- 20) ~~Use of the genes of Candida albicans or of the proteins coded by these genes according to one of claims 5 to 11 for the selection of products having antifungal properties according to claim 19 as inhibitors of the proteins of Candida albicans coded by these genes.~~
- 15 21) ~~A pharmaceutical composition containing as active ingredient at least one inhibitor of the proteins of Candida albicans as defined in claim 20.~~
- 20 22) ~~Use of the compositions as defined in claim 21 as antifungal agents.~~
- 23) ~~Use of a polypeptide as defined in claim 11 or a fragment of this polypeptide having the same function for the preparation of a medicament intended to induce an immunological response in a mammal by inoculation of this medicament producing an antibody which allows said mammal to be protected against the disease.~~
- 25 24) ~~A antibody directed against a polypeptide as defined in claim 11 or a fragment of this polypeptide having the same function.~~
- 30 25) ~~A antibody as defined in claim 24 directed against any one of the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 or a fragment of these proteins.~~
- 35 26) ~~Use of any one of the genes CaDR472, CaDR789, 1CaDR527, 2CaDR527, CaFL024, CaNL260 and CaDR361 or of any one of the proteins coded by these genes according to one of claims 5 to~~

~~11 for the preparation of compositions which can be used for the diagnosis or treatment of diseases caused by the pathogenic yeast Candida albicans.~~

- 27) ~~A~~ kit for the diagnosis of fungal infections comprising a  
5 DNA sequence ~~as defined in one of claims 5 to 10~~ or a  
sequence having a similar function or a functional fragment  
of this sequence, the polypeptide coded by this sequence or a  
polypeptide fragment having the same function or an antibody  
directed against such polypeptide coded by this DNA sequence  
10 or against a fragment of this polypeptide.

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Novel *Candida albicans* genes and  
proteins coded by these genes.

The present invention relates to novel *Candida albicans*  
5 genes and the proteins coded by these genes as well as the  
polynucleotides (RNA, DNA) coding for these proteins or for  
the polypeptide analogues of these proteins.

The present invention also relates to the process for  
the preparation of these polypeptides and polynucleotides,  
10 their use for studying pathogenic mycetes and in particular  
*Candida albicans* and for the preparation of inhibitors of the  
proteins coded by the genes of the present invention, these  
inhibitors being able to be used as antifungal agents. The  
present invention also relates to the pharmaceutical  
15 compositions containing such inhibitors.

Therefore the present invention relates in particular to  
novel proteins of *Candida albicans* and the nucleotide  
sequences coding for these proteins, their preparation and  
their uses.

20 Also hereafter the following abbreviations will be used:  
AA for amino acids, NA for nucleic acids, RNA for ribonucleic  
acid, mRNA for messenger RNA, RNase for ribonuclease, DNA  
for desoxyribonucleic acid, cDNA for complementary DNA, bp  
for base pairs, PCR for polymerase chain reaction, C.a. or *C.*  
25 *albicans* for *Candida albicans*, *E. coli* for *Escherichia coli*  
and *S. cerevisiae* for *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

The term screening used hereafter corresponds to the  
anglosaxon term screening.

The term polynucleotides designates hereafter the  
30 polynucleotides of the present invention or the DNA sequences  
and also RNA coding for the proteins of the present invention  
and their homologues coding for proteins with the same  
function.

The term polypeptides designates hereafter the  
35 polypeptides of the present invention or the proteins of the  
present invention and their functional analogues or  
homologues as defined hereafter, therefore having the same  
functions.

The term mycete designates hereafter a eucaryote organism, spore carrier, the nutrition of which occurs by absorption, which is devoid of chlorophyll and which reproduces in a sexual or asexual fashion.

5        Mycoses are infections of man or animals which can be superficial or deep, caused by pathogenic fungi. In the case of deep mycoses, they can be very severe and with a grave pronosis.

10        Antimycotic substances with fungistatic or fungicidal effects are used in the treatment of mycoses. This treatment is difficult because few available antifungal substances exist for therapeutics and they often have side effects which limit their use. For example, Amphotericin B which represents the treatment of choice for deep mycoses, has  
15        nephrotoxic side effects.

         Therefore a strong demand exists for novel substances which are effective against pathogenic fungi and capable of being used in therapeutics against fungal infections. These substances could be used either in prophylaxis, in the case  
20        of severe states of immunodepression or in curative treatment of fungal infections. In addition, these substances should have a specific mode of action, allowing them to inhibit the growth or to kill the cells of mycetes without altering the essential functions of the human cells.

25        A subject of the present invention is to propose genes which can constitute novel targets for the identification of antifungal substances and in particular of substances allowing the treatment of the infections due to fungi of the Candida genus.

30        These genes are in particular essential genes which are indispensable to the survival and multiplication of the cells.

         Different methods can be used for determining whether the product of a gene is essential to the survival of a mycete  
35        or essential to the establishment or maintenance of an infection. The identification of the essential character of a gene provides additional information concerning its function and allows selection of the genes the product of



which constitutes a useful target for an antifungal substance. Examples of these methods are briefly summarized hereafter. These methods are described in the following publications:

5       - Guthrie C. and Fink G.R. Eds. Methods in Enzymology, Vol 194, 1991, 'Guide to Yeast Genetics and Molecular Biology', Academic Press Inc.

      - Pink A.H., A.E. Wheals and J.S. Harrison Eds. The yeasts, Vol.6, 1995, 'Yeast Genetics' , Academic Press Inc.

10     Ausubel F. et al. Eds. 'Short Protocols in Molecular Biology', 1995, Wiley.

      - Brown A.J.P. and Tuite M.F. (Eds) 'Yeast Gene Analysis' Methods in Microbiology, Vol 26, 1998, Academic Press Inc.

      Depending on the case, one or the other of the methods  
15     described will be used as a function of the sought result. In particular, the operation can be carried out by a direct inactivation method of the gene or by a transitory inactivation method of the gene.

      In the yeast *S. cerevisiae*, the most commonly used  
20     method consists in inactivating the studied gene in the yeast chromosome. The wild allele is inactivated by insertion of a genetic marker (for example an auxotrophic gene or a resistance marker). This insertion is obtained in general by the genic conversion method using linear deletion cassettes  
25     prepared according to known methods as described in Guthrie C. and Fink G.R. Eds. Methods in Enzymology, Vol 194, 1991, 'Guide to Yeast Genetics and Molecular Biology', Academic Press Inc. or in Gultner et al. Nucleic Acid Research, 1996, 24: 2519-2524.

30     The inactivation occurs in a diploid strain then meiosis is induced by standard methods such as for example growth in a nitrogen-poor medium and the four spores originating from individual ascus are isolated by micromanipulation. The inactivation of an essential gene translates into a loss of  
35     viability of two spores (in four) which have acquired the selection marker. The viability of these spores can be restored by the introduction into the strain of a centromeric or replicative plasmid carrying a copy of the wild gene.

The operation can also be carried out by transitory inactivation of the gene: the use of controllable promoters also allows the determination of whether a gene is essential to the survival of a cell. In order to do this, the native promoter of the gene is replaced by a promoter which is directly controllable on the chromosome or on an extra-chromosomal plasmid. For example the GAL promoter or its derivatives or the tetO promoter can be used (Mumberg et al. 1994, Nucleic Acid Research, 22: 5767-5768; Belli et al. 1998, Yeast, 14: 1127-1138). The essential character of the studied gene can thus be observed when the promoter used is repressed, either in the haploid strains in the yeast *S. cerevisiae*, or after inactivation of the second allele in diploid micro-organisms such as *C. albicans*.

Starting from an essential gene known in a species, identification can be carried out of homologous genes or genes having a similar function in another species of mycete: known methods can be used to identify the homologous genes of a studied gene in another species of mycete (so-called 'orthologous' genes) or genes with a similar function to the studied gene. Examples of methods which can be used are set out hereafter. These methods are described in the following books:

Sambrook et al. 1989, Molecular Cloning, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press.

- Ausubel F. et al. Eds. 'Short Protocols in Molecular Biology', 1995, Wiley.

- Guthrie C. and Fink G.R. Eds. Methods in Enzymology, Vol 194, 1991, 'Guide to Yeast Genetics and Molecular Biology', Academic Press Inc.

The operation can be carried out for example by screening by homology, by genic complementation or also by amplification by PCR using specific probes from genomic DNA libraries or from complementary DNA (cDNA) libraries of the pathogenic mycetes.

The genomic DNA or cDNA libraries can be prepared according to known methods and the polynucleotide fragments obtained are integrated in an expression vector, for example

a vector such as pRS423 or its derivatives which are also as useful in the *E. coli* bacteria as in *S. cerevisiae*. Screening of the bank will be done by standard *in situ* hybridization methods on a replica of the bacterial colonies.

- 5 The hybridization conditions are adapted to the stringency desired for the reaction, so as to identify the fragments with more or less high homology with the gene studied.

The genes of other species of mycetes can also be identified by known methods called 'genic complementation'.

- 10 For example, a strain of *S. cerevisiae* in which an identified essential gene has been placed under the control of a controllable promoter can be transformed by a representative sample of a DNA or cDNA bank corresponding to the studied mycete such as *C. albicans*. When the yeasts are cultured  
15 under conditions such that the promoter is repressed, only the yeasts carrying a recombinant vector containing a functionally equivalent sequence of the studied mycete with the initial essential gene can survive. The sequence of the gene in the studied mycete is then identified by isolating  
20 the recombinant vector and by sequencing according to known methods. Similarly, the so-called 'plasmid shuffle' method allows selection of the yeasts which have lost the expression of the initial essential gene and containing a functionally equivalent sequence originating from another mycete.

- 25 The study can be carried out on different species: the functionally equivalent genes or homologues in sequence with an essential gene can be isolated in other mycetes and in particular in the different pathogenic mycetes affecting humans. For this the mycetes belonging to the Zygomycetes,  
30 Basidiomycetes, Ascomycetes and Deuteromycetes classes can in particular be used. Quite particularly, the mycetes belonging to the following sub-classes: *Candida spp.*, in particular *Candida albicans*, *Candida glabrata*, *Candida tropicalis*, *Candida parapsilosis* and *Candida krusei*. The  
35 mycetes also belonging to the following sub-classes: *Aspergillus fumigatus*, *Coccidioides immitis*, *Cryptococcus neoformans*, *Histoplasma capsulatum*, *Blastomyces dermatidis*, *Paracoccidioides brasiliensis* and *Sporothrix schenckii*.

The present invention therefore relates to the identification of antimycotic substances such as in particular anti-*Candida albicans* substances.

The present invention therefore relates to inhibitors of  
5 fungal proteins which can be used as antifungal agents.

Thus organisms are known such as the pathogenic yeast *Candida albicans* which cause infectious diseases in the human organism. With the purpose of finding the means of treating diseases, targets can be chosen such as for example  
10 intracellular and one or more proteins of the present invention coded by the genes of the present invention can be one or some of these targets.

The present invention thus allows isolation of the DNA and RNA polynucleotides coding for the proteins of *Candida*  
15 *albicans* and revelation of their nucleotide sequences.

The genes of the present invention coding for the proteins of *Candida albicans* of the present invention will be called as follows: CaDR472, CaDR489, CaDR527 in the form of two different alleles namely 1CaDR527 and 2CaDR527, CaFL024,  
20 CaNL260 and CaDR361.

The nucleotide sequences of these genes (and of the two alleles for CaDR527) are given in the sequence listing hereafter and are called respectively as follows:

- SEQ ID No. 1 for CaDR472,
- 25 - SEQ ID No. 3 for CaDR489,
- SEQ ID No. 5 for the 1st allele of CaDR527 namely 1CaDR527,
- SEQ ID No. 7 for the 2nd allele of CaDR527 namely 2CaDR527,
- 30 - SEQ ID No. 9 for CaFL024,
- SEQ ID No. 11 for CaNL260
- and SEQ ID No. 13 for CaDR361.

The polypeptide sequences of the proteins coded by the genes of the present invention are called respectively as  
35 follows:

- SEQ ID No. 2 or PCaDR472 for the protein coded by CaDR472,
- SEQ ID No. 4 or PCaDR489 for the protein coded by CaDR489,
- SEQ ID No. 6 or 1PCaDR527 for the protein coded by

1CaDR527,

- SEQ ID No. 8 or 2PCaDR527 for the protein coded by  
2CaDR527,

5 - SEQ ID No. 10 or PCaFL024 for the protein coded by  
CaFL024,

- SEQ ID No. 12 or PCaNL260 for the protein coded by CaNL260

- and SEQ ID No. 14 or PCaDR361 for the protein coded by  
CaDR361.

Therefore a subject of the present invention is isolated  
10 polynucleotides each containing a nucleotide sequence chosen  
from the following group:

a) a polynucleotide having at least 50 % or at least  
60 % and preferably at least 70 % identity with a  
polynucleotide coding for a polypeptide having the same  
15 function and having an amino acid sequence homologous with a  
sequence chosen from SEQ ID No. 2, SEQ ID No. 4, SEQ ID No.  
6, SEQ ID No. 8, SEQ ID No. 10, SEQ ID No. 12 and SEQ ID No.  
14, as defined above and hereafter,

b) a complementary polynucleotide of polynucleotide a)

20 c) a polynucleotide comprising at least 15 consecutive  
bases of the polynucleotide defined in a) and b).

Therefore a subject of the present invention is the  
polynucleotides defined above such that these polynucleotides  
are DNA.

25 Therefore a subject of the present invention is the  
polynucleotides defined above such that these polynucleotides  
are RNA.

A more precise subject of the present invention is the  
polynucleotides as defined above each comprising a nucleotide  
30 sequence chosen from SEQ ID No. 1, SEQ ID No. 3, SEQ ID No.  
5, SEQ ID No. 7, SEQ ID No. 9, SEQ ID No. 11 and SEQ ID No.  
13 as defined above and hereafter.

The present invention thus allows the isolation of the  
DNA sequences coding respectively for the proteins of *Candida*  
35 *albicans* PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024,  
PCaNL260, PCaDR361, as defined above.

The present invention also allows revelation of the  
nucleic acid sequences of the genes of the present invention

and also the amino acid sequences of the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361, coded by these genes.

Therefore a subject of the present invention is the DNA  
5 sequences as defined by the polynucleotides above,  
characterized in that these DNA sequences are those of the  
genes coding respectively for the proteins of *Candida*  
*albicans* (having the same functions as the proteins PCaDR472,  
PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361)  
10 and each containing a nucleotide sequence chosen from SEQ ID  
No. 1, SEQ ID No. 3, SEQ ID No. 5, SEQ ID No. 7, SEQ ID No.  
9, SEQ ID No. 11 and SEQ ID No. 13 as defined above and  
hereafter.

Such a sequence SEQ ID No. 1 of the present invention  
15 therefore comprises 747 nucleotides.

Such a sequence SEQ ID No. 3 of the present invention  
therefore comprises 711 nucleotides.

Such a sequence SEQ ID No. 5 of the present invention  
therefore comprises 1383 nucleotides.

20 Such a sequence SEQ ID No. 7 of the present invention  
therefore comprises 1383 nucleotides.

Such a sequence SEQ ID No. 9 of the present invention  
therefore comprises 2262 nucleotides.

Such a sequence SEQ ID No. 11 of the present invention  
25 therefore comprises 447 nucleotides.

Such a sequence SEQ ID No. 13 of the present invention  
therefore comprises 966 nucleotides.

A subject of the present invention is also the DNA  
sequences of genes as defined above each coding for an amino  
30 acid sequence chosen from SEQ ID No. 2, SEQ ID No. 4, SEQ ID  
No. 6, SEQ ID No. 8, SEQ ID No. 10, SEQ ID No. 12 and SEQ ID  
No. 14.

The sequence SEQ ID No. 2 of the protein PCaDR472  
therefore comprises 248 AA.

35 The sequence SEQ ID No. 4 of the protein PCaDR489  
therefore comprises 236 AA.

The sequence SEQ ID No. 6 of the protein 1PCaDR527  
therefore comprises 460 AA.

The sequence SEQ ID No. 8 of the protein 2PCaDR527 therefore comprises 460 AA.

The sequence SEQ ID No. 10 of the protein PCaFL024 therefore comprises 753 AA.

5 The sequence SEQ ID No. 12 of the protein PCaNL260 therefore comprises 148 AA.

The sequence SEQ ID No. 14 of the protein PCaDR361 therefore comprises 321 AA.

A particular subject of the present invention is the DNA  
10 sequences coding for the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 as defined above as well as the DNA sequences which hybridize with these and/or present significant homologies with these sequences or with fragments of these and code for the proteins having the  
15 same functions.

A subject of the present invention is also the DNA sequences as defined above comprising modifications introduced by suppression, insertion and/or substitution of at least one nucleotide coding for proteins having the same  
20 activities as the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 as defined above.

In particular a subject of the present invention is the DNA sequences as defined above as well as the DNA sequences which have a nucleotide sequence homology of at least 50 % or  
25 at least 60 % and preferably at least 70 % with said DNA sequences.

Therefore a subject of the present invention is also the DNA sequences as defined above as well as the DNA sequences which code for the proteins of similar functions of which the  
30 respective AA sequences have an homology of at least 40 % and in particular of 45 % or of at least 50 %, rather at least 60 % and preferably at least 70 % with the AA sequences coded by said DNA sequences.

By sequences which hybridize are included DNA sequences  
35 which hybridize with one of the DNA sequences above under standard conditions of high, medium or low stringency and which code for polypeptides having the same function. The stringency conditions are those carried out under conditions

known to a person skilled in the art, such as those described by Sambrook et al Molecular cloning, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 1989. Such stringency conditions are for example hybridization at 65°C, for 18 hours in a 5 x SSPE; 10 x Denhardt's; 100µg/ml ssDNA; 1 % SDS solution followed by washing 3 times for 5 minutes with 2 x SSC; 0.05 % SDS, then washing 3 times for 15 minutes at 65°C in 1 x SSC; 0.1 % SDS. The high stringency conditions for example include hybridization for 18 hours at 65°C in a 5 x SSPE; 10 x Denhardt's; 100µg/ml ssDNA; 1 % SDS solution, followed by washing twice for 20 minutes with a 2 x SSC; 0.05 % SDS solution at 65°C followed by a final wash for 45 minutes in a 0.1 x SSC; 0.1 % SDS solution at 65°C. Medium stringency conditions for example include a final washing for 20 minutes in a 0.2 x SSC, 0.1 % SDS solution at 65°C.

By sequences which have significant homologies are included the sequences having a moderate or considerable identity of nucleotide sequence with one of the DNA sequences above and which code for a protein having the same function.

By sequence of similar DNA, is thus meant the DNA sequences which can belong to mycetes other than *Candida albicans* and in particular to S.c. and which are similar or identical to the DNA sequences of the genes of *Candida albicans* as defined above. These similar DNA sequences are not necessarily identical to the DNA sequences of the genes as defined above. The homology of sequence at the nucleotide level can be moderate or considerable. The present invention thus relates in particular to the DNA sequences which have an homology of nucleotide sequence of at least 50 %, of preferably at least 60 % and even more preferably of at least 70 % with the sequences of the genes of the present invention.

Moreover, these similar DNA sequences do not necessarily code for identical proteins, at the level of the amino acid sequences to the proteins coded by the genes as defined above. Thus the present invention relates in particular to the DNA sequences which code for the so-called homologous proteins having an homology of amino acid sequence of at



least 40 %, in particular 45 %, preferably at least of 50 %, more preferably at least of 60 % and yet more preferably at least of 70 % with the proteins coded by the genes of the present invention.

5 Each gene of the present invention is represented as a single strand DNA sequence as indicated in SEQ ID No. 1, SEQ ID No. 3, SEQ ID No. 5, SEQ ID No. 7, SEQ ID No. 9, SEQ ID No. 11 and SEQ ID No. 13 represented respectively in the sequence listing hereafter, but it is understood that the  
10 present invention includes the complementary DNA sequence of this single strand DNA sequence and also includes the so-called double strand DNA sequence constituted by these two DNA sequences complementary to one another.

The DNA sequences as defined above are examples of the  
15 combination of codons coding for the amino acids corresponding respectively to the amino acid sequences SEQ ID No. 2, SEQ ID No. 4, SEQ ID No. 6, SEQ ID No. 8, SEQ ID No. 10, SEQ ID No. 12 and SEQ ID No. 14, as defined above, but it is also understood that the present invention includes any  
20 other arbitrary combination of codons coding for these same amino acid sequences.

For the preparation of the polynucleotides and in particular of the DNA sequences as defined above, the DNA sequences modified as indicated above or also the homologous  
25 DNA sequences as defined above, the techniques known to a person skilled in the art can be used and in particular those described in the work by Sambrook, J. Fritsh, E. F. § Maniatis, T. (1989) entitled: 'Molecular cloning: a laboratory manual , Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor NY.

30 The homologous DNA sequences as defined above can in particular be isolated according to the methods known to a person skilled in the art for example by the PCR technique using degenerated nucleotide primers to amplify this DNA from genome or cDNA libraries of the corresponding mycetes. The  
35 cDNA can also be prepared from mRNA isolated from mycetes of different species studied within the scope of the present invention such as *Candida albicans* but for example and quite as well: *Candida stellatoidea*, *Candida tropicalis*, *Candida*

*parapsilosis*, *Candida krusei*, *Candida pseudotropicalis*,  
*Candida quillermundii*, *Candida glabrata*, *Candida lusitanae* or  
*Candida rugosa* or also mycetes such as *Saccharomyces*  
*cerevisiae* or also the mycetes of *Aspergillus* or *Cryptococcus*  
5 type and in particular, for example, *Aspergillus fumigatus*,  
*Coccidioides immitis*, *Cryptococcus neoformans*, *Histoplasma*  
*capsulatum*, *Blastomyces dermatitidis*, *Paracoccidioides*  
*brasiliensis* and *Sporothrix schenckii* or also the mycetes of  
the phycomycetes or eumycetes classes in particular the sub-  
10 classes of basidiomycetes, ascomycetes, mehliscomycetales  
(yeast) and plectascales, gymnascales (fungi of the skin and  
hair) or of the hyphomycetes class, in particular the sub-  
classes conidiosporales and thallosporales amongst which the  
following species: *mucor*, *rhizopus*, *coccidioides*,  
15 *paracoccidioides* (*blastomyces*, *brasiliensis*), *endomyces*  
(*blastomyces*), *aspergillus*, *menicilium* (*scopulariopsis*),  
*trichophyton* (*ctenomyces*), *epidermophyton*, *microsporon*,  
*piedraia*, *hormodendron*, *phialophora*, *sporotrichon*,  
*cryptococcus*, *candida*, *geotrichum*, *trichosporon* or also  
20 *toropsulosis*.

The polynucleotides of the present invention can thus be  
obtained by using the usual cloning and screening methods  
such as those of cloning and sequencing from fragments of  
chromosomal DNA extracted from cells or also originating from  
25 gene banks. For example, in order to obtain the  
polynucleotides of the present invention, a bank of  
chromosomal DNA fragments can be used. A probe corresponding  
to an oligonucleotide labelled with a radioactive element,  
preferably constituted by 17 or also 20 or more nucleotides  
30 and derived from a partial sequence can be prepared. The  
clones containing DNA identical to that of the probe can be  
identified in this way under stringent conditions. By the  
sequencing of the individual clones identified in this way,  
using the sequencing primers originating from the original  
35 sequence, it is then possible to extend the sequence in both  
directions in order to determine the complete gene sequence.  
In a usual and efficient fashion, such sequencing can be  
carried out by using denatured double strand DNA prepared

from a plasmid. Such techniques are described by Maniatis, T. Fritsch, E.F. and Sambrook as indicated above. (Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor, New York (1989) (in particular in 1.90 and 13.70 in the chapters on screening by hybridization and sequencing from denatured double strand DNA).

Within the scope of the present invention, a bank of chromosomal DNA fragments of *Candida albicans* can in particular be used as indicated hereafter in the examples described in the experimental part.

10 A detailed description of the operating conditions in which the present invention has been carried out is given below.

A quite particular subject of the invention is the polypeptides each having an amino acid sequence chosen from 15 SEQ ID No. 2, SEQ ID No. 4, SEQ ID No. 6, SEQ ID No. 8, SEQ ID No. 10, SEQ ID No. 12 and SEQ ID No. 14, coded by the DNA sequences as defined above and the analogues of these polypeptides.

By polypeptide analogues, are understood polypeptides, 20 the amino acid sequence of which has been modified by substitution, suppression or addition of one or more amino acids but which retain the same biological function. Such polypeptide analogues can be produced spontaneously or can be produced by post-transcriptional modification or also by 25 modification of the DNA sequence of the present invention as indicated above, using techniques known to a person skilled in the art: amongst these techniques, the technique of directed mutagenesis known to a person skilled in the art (Kramer, W., et al., Nucl. Acids Res., 12, 9441 (1984); 30 Kramer, W. and Fritz, H.J., Methods in Enzymology, 154, 350 (1987); Zoller, M.J. and Smith, M. Methods in Enzymology, 100, 468 (1983)) can in particular be mentioned.

Modified DNA synthesis can be carried out as indicated above and in particular by using well known chemical 35 synthesis techniques such as for example the phosphotriester method [Letsinger, R.L and Ogilvie, K.K., K. Am. CHEM. Soc., 91, 3350 (1969); Merrifield, R.B., Sciences, 150, 178 (1968)] or the phosphoamidite method [Beaucage, S.L and

Caruthers, M .H., Tetrahedron Lett., 22, 1859 (1981);  
McBRIDE, L.J. and Caruthers, M.H. Tetrahedron Lett., 24 245  
(1983)] or also the combination of these methods.

The polypeptides of the present invention can therefore  
5 be prepared using techniques known to a person skilled in the  
art, in particular partially by chemical synthesis or also by  
the recombinant DNA technique by expression in a procaryotic  
or eucaryotic host cell as indicated hereafter.

A particular subject of the present invention is the  
10 process for the preparation of recombinant proteins PCaDR472,  
PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361  
having respectively the amino acid sequences SEQ ID No. 2,  
SEQ ID No. 4, SEQ ID No. 6, SEQ ID No. 8, SEQ ID No. 10, SEQ  
ID No. 12 and SEQ ID No. 14, as defined above, comprising,  
15 for the preparation of each of these proteins, the expression  
in an appropriate host of the DNA sequence as defined above  
coding for this protein then the isolation and the  
purification of said recombinant protein.

To produce the polypeptides of the present invention,  
20 recombinant DNA techniques using genetic engineering and cell  
culture methods known to a person skilled in the art can in  
particular be used. The following stages can then be carried  
out: firstly preparation of the appropriate gene, then  
incorporation of this gene into a vector, transfer of the  
25 carrier vector of the gene into an appropriate host cell,  
production of the polypeptide by expression of the gene,  
isolation of the polypeptide, the polypeptide thus produced  
can then be purified.

The polypeptides of the present invention obtained by  
30 expression of the polynucleotides of the present invention  
can be purified from cell cultures transformed by methods  
well known to a person skilled in the art such as  
precipitation with ammonium sulphate or ethanol, extraction  
under acid conditions, anion or cation exchange  
35 chromatography, hydrophobic interaction chromatography,  
affinity chromatography, hydroxylapatite chromatography and  
high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). Techniques  
well known to a person skilled in the art can be used to

regenerate the protein when it is denatured during its isolation or purification.

The DNA sequences according to the present invention and in particular SEQ ID No. 1, SEQ ID No. 3, SEQ ID No. 5, SEQ ID No. 7, SEQ ID No. 9, SEQ ID No. 11 and SEQ ID No. 13 can be prepared according to techniques known to a person skilled in the art in particular by chemical synthesis or by screening of a gene bank or a cDNA bank using synthetic oligonucleotide probes by known hybridization techniques, as well as amplification of DNA from isolated fragments or also by reverse transcriptase from messenger RNA (mRNA).

The advantage of the technique comprising firstly the isolation of mRNA by extraction of the total RNA then the synthesis of cDNA from these mRNA by reverse transcriptase in particular rests on the fact that the mRNA does not contain introns even though these non-coding sequences can be present in the genomic DNA.

The usual cloning techniques known to a person skilled in the art and in particular described in the book by Sambrook, J. Fritsh, E. F. & Maniatis, T. (1989) entitled: 'Molecular cloning: a laboratory manual, Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor NY can then be carried out.

In these techniques, cloning can be carried out by insertion of a fragment into a plasmid which can be provided with a suitable commercial kit then transformation of a bacterial strain by the plasmid thus obtained. In particular the XL1 Blue or DH5 alpha *E. coli* strain can be used. The clones can then be cultured in order to extract the plasmid DNA according to standard techniques known to a person skilled in the art referred to above (Sambrook, Fritsh and Maniatis). The DNA sequencing of the amplified fragment contained in the plasmid DNA can then be carried out.

The polypeptides of the present invention can be obtained by expression in a host cell containing a polynucleotide according to the present invention and in particular a DNA sequence coding for a polypeptide of the present invention preceded by a suitable promoter sequence. The host cell can be a procaryotic cell, for example *E. coli*

or a eucaryotic cell such as yeasts such as for example Ascomycetes amongst which is *Saccharomyces* or also mammalian cells such as Cos cells for example.

A particular subject of the present invention is the  
5 expression vectors each containing one of the DNA sequences of the present invention as defined above.

In each of these expression vectors, such a DNA sequence is therefore in particular the DNA sequence of a gene of the present invention coding for a protein of *Candida albicans*  
10 and containing a nucleotide sequence chosen from SEQ ID No. 1, SEQ ID No. 3, SEQ ID No. 5, SEQ ID No. 7, SEQ ID No. 9, SEQ ID No. 11 and SEQ ID No. 13.

In each of these expression vectors, such a DNA sequence is thus even more particularly that of the genes as defined  
15 above coding for one of the amino acid sequences SEQ ID No. 2, SEQ ID No. 4, SEQ ID No. 6, SEQ ID No. 8, SEQ ID No. 10, SEQ ID No. 12 and SEQ ID No. 14 as defined above and hereafter.

In each of the expression vectors of the present  
20 invention, such a DNA sequence is thus a DNA sequence as defined above coding for one of the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 as well as the DNA sequences which hybridize with this and/or have significant homologies with this sequence or with the  
25 fragments of this or also the DNA sequences comprising modifications introduced by suppression, insertion and/or substitution of at least one nucleotide coding for a protein having the same activity.

In each of the expression vectors, such a DNA sequence  
30 is in particular a DNA sequence as defined above as well as similar DNA sequences which have a nucleotide sequence homology of at least 50 % or at least 60 % and preferably at least 70 % with said DNA sequence or also similar DNA sequences which code for a protein, the AA sequence of which  
35 has an homology of at least 40 % and in particular of 45 % or of at least 50 %, rather at least 60 % and preferably at least 70 % with the AA sequence coded by said DNA sequence.

The expression vectors are vectors allowing the

expression of the protein under the control of a suitable promoter. Such a vector can be a plasmid, a cosmid or viral DNA. For the procaryotic cells, the promoter can for example be the lac promoter, the trp promoter, the tac promoter, the  
5  $\beta$ -lactamase promoter or the PL promoter. For the yeast cells, the promoter can be for example the PGK promoter or the GAL promoter. For mammalian cells, the promoter can for example be the SV40 promoter or adenovirus promoters.

Baculovirus type vectors can also be used for the  
10 expression in insect cells.

The host cells are for example procaryotic cells or eucaryotic cells. The procaryotic cells are for example *E. coli*, *Bacillus* or *Streptomyces*. The eucaryotic host cells include yeasts as well as cells of higher organisms, for  
15 example mammalian cells or insect cells. The mammalian cells are for example hamster CHO or BHK cells and monkey Cos cells. The insect cells are for example SF9 cells.

The present invention therefore relates to a process which comprises the expression of a polynucleotide according  
20 to the present invention coding for one of the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 in a host cell transformed by a polynucleotide according to the present invention and in particular a DNA sequence coding for the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No. 2, SEQ  
25 ID No. 4, SEQ ID No. 6, SEQ ID No. 8, SEQ ID No. 10, SEQ ID No. 12 and SEQ ID No. 14. In the implementation of such a process, the host cell is in particular a eucaryote cell.

For the implementation of the present invention, the vectors used can for example be pGEX or pBAD and the host  
30 cell can be *E. coli* or for example the vector pYX222 and the host cell can be in particular *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

A particular subject of the present invention is the host cell transformed with a vector as defined above and containing a DNA sequence according to the present invention.

35 A subject of the present invention is therefore the process for the preparation of a recombinant protein according to the present invention, as defined above, in which the host cell is DH5 alpha *E. coli* or XL1-Blue *E. coli*

or in particular *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

A detailed account of the conditions under which the operations indicated above can be carried out is given hereafter in the experimental part. A plasmid is thus

5 obtained in which the gene of the present invention is inserted and this plasmid introduced into a host cell is then obtained by operating according to the usual techniques known to a person skilled in the art.

A very precise subject of the present invention is the 7  
10 plasmids deposited on the 25th May 1999 at the Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes (CNCM) - INSTITUT PASTEUR - 25, rue du Docteur Roux - 75724 PARIS Cedex 15 under the following numbers: I-2214, I-2215, I-2216, I-2217, I-2211, I-2212 and I-2213.

15 I-2214 is the registration number of the strain CaDR472.10 constituted by the bacteria XL1-blue *E. coli* containing a plasmid carrying the gene of *Candida albicans* CaDR472 of the present invention prepared as indicated in Example 1 of the present invention.

20 This gene therefore corresponds to the sequence CaDR472 of SEQ ID No. 1.

I-2215 is the registration number of the strain CaDR489.37 constituted by the bacteria XL1-blue *E. coli* containing a plasmid carrying the gene of *Candida albicans*  
25 CaDR489 of the present invention prepared as indicated in Example 2 of the present invention.

This gene therefore corresponds to the sequence CaDR489 of SEQ ID No. 3.

I-2216 is the registration number of the strain  
30 CaDR527.2 constituted by the bacteria XL1-blue *E. coli* containing a plasmid carrying the gene of *Candida albicans* CaDR527 (allele 1) of the present invention prepared as indicated in Example 3 of the present invention.

This gene therefore corresponds to the sequence 1CaDR527  
35 of SEQ ID No. 5.

I-2217 is the registration number of the strain CaDR527.3 constituted by the bacteria XL1-blue *E. coli* containing a plasmid carrying the gene of *Candida albicans*



CaDR527 (allele 2) of the present invention prepared as indicated in Example 3 of the present invention.

This gene therefore corresponds to the sequence 2CaDR527 of SEQ ID No. 7.

5 I-2211 is the registration number of the strain CaFL024.4 constituted by the bacteria XL1-blue *E. coli* containing a plasmid carrying the gene of *Candida albicans* CaFL024 of the present invention prepared as indicated in Example 4 of the present invention.

10 This gene therefore corresponds to the sequence CaFL024 of SEQ ID No. 9.

I-2212 is the registration number of the strain CanL260.4 constituted by the bacteria XL1-blue *E. coli* containing a plasmid carrying the gene of *Candida albicans* 15 CanL260 of the present invention prepared as indicated in Example 5 of the present invention.

This gene therefore corresponds to the sequence CanL260 of SEQ ID No. 11.

I-2213 is the registration number of the strain 20 CaDR361.3 constituted by the bacteria XL1-blue *E. coli* containing a plasmid carrying the gene of *Candida albicans* CaDR361 of the present invention prepared as indicated in Example 6 of the present invention.

This gene therefore corresponds to the sequence CaDR361 25 of SEQ ID No. 13.

Therefore a very precise subject of the present invention is one or more of the plasmids deposited under the numbers I-2214, I-2215, I-2216, I-2217, I-2211, I-2212 and I-2213.

30 The operating conditions under which the present invention was carried out are described hereafter in the experimental part.

Therefore a subject of the present invention is a screening process for antifungal products characterized in 35 that it comprises a stage where the activity of one of the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 as defined above is measured in the presence of each of the products the antifungal properties of

which one wishes to determine and the products having an inhibitory effect on this activity are selected.

In particular, the genes coding for the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, 5 PCaDR361 of the present invention being essential to the survival of the cells of *Candida albicans*, of the inhibitory substances of such proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 could be of use as antifungal agents, either as medicaments or on the industrial 10 level.

For example, to screen antifungal substances such as the substances active on *Candida albicans*, the activity of a protein coded by a gene of the present invention or one of its functional homologues is measured and the protein is put 15 in the presence of each of the products the antifungal properties of which one wishes to determine and the products having an inhibitory effect on this activity are selected.

Such screening can be carried out by measuring the activity of one of the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 20 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 of the present invention in the presence of potential activators or inhibitors to be tested, for example by measuring in vitro in an appropriate reaction medium.

The activity of the proteins of the present invention 25 can also be measured *in vivo* by an appropriate cell test. For example, the activity of PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 can be advantageously measured in cells of a mutant of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* transformed by one of the genes of the present invention and 30 not expressing the homologous protein PYDR 472w, PYDR 489w, PYDR 577w, PYFL 024c, PYNL 260c and PYDR 361c of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

The invention also encompasses the use of a product selected as indicated above for its inhibitory properties on 35 one of the proteins of the present invention for obtaining of an antifungal agent.

The present invention is better understood using the experimental part which follows and which describes the

cloning of genes CaDR472, CaDR489, 1CaDR527, 2CaDR527, CaFL024, CaNL260 and CaDR361 of the present invention.

Therefore a subject of present invention is the use of a product selected by the process of screening antifungal  
5 products as defined above for obtaining an antifungal agent.

A subject of the present invention is also the use of the genes of *Candida albicans* of the present invention or of the proteins coded by these genes as defined above for the selection of products having antifungal properties as defined  
10 above and used as inhibitors of the proteins of *Candida albicans* coded by these genes.

A subject of present invention is also the pharmaceutical compositions containing as active ingredient at least one inhibitor of the proteins of *Candida albicans* of  
15 the present invention as defined above.

Such compositions can in particular be useful for treating topical and systemic fungal infections.

The pharmaceutical compositions indicated above can be administered by buccal, rectal, parenteral route or by local  
20 route as a topical application on the skin and mucous membranes or by injection by intravenous or intramuscular route. These compositions can be solid or liquid and be presented in all the pharmaceutical forms commonly used in human medicine such as, for example, plain or sugar coated  
25 tablets, gelatin capsules, granules, suppositories, injectable preparations, ointments, creams, gels and aerosol preparations; they are prepared according to the usual methods. The active ingredient can be incorporated in excipients normally used in these pharmaceutical  
30 compositions, such as talc, gum arabic, lactose, starch, magnesium stearate, cocoa butter, aqueous or non aqueous vehicles, fatty substances of animal or vegetable origin, paraffin derivatives, glycols, various wetting, dispersing or emulsifying agents, and preservatives.

35 The dose will be variable according to the product used, the subject treated and the disease in question.

A particular subject of the present invention is thus the use of compositions as defined above as antifungal

agents.

A subject of the present invention is also a method of inducing an immunological response in a mammal comprising the inoculation of this mammal with a polypeptide according to  
5 the present invention as defined above or a fragment of this polypeptide having the same function in order to produce an antibody protecting the mammal against the disease.

Therefore a subject of the present invention is also the use of a polypeptide as defined above or a fragment of this  
10 polypeptide having the same function for the preparation of a medicament intended to induce an immunological response in a mammal by inoculation with this medicament producing an antibody protecting the animal against the disease.

A subject of the present invention is also the  
15 antibodies directed against the polypeptides of the present invention as defined above or against a fragment of these polypeptides having the same function and coded by the polynucleotides of the present invention and in particular by a DNA sequence as defined above.

20 The polypeptides of the present invention can thus be used as immunogens to produce immunospecific antibodies of these polypeptides. The term antibody used designates antibodies which can equally be monoclonal, polyclonal, chimeric, single chain, non-human antibodies and human  
25 antibodies, as well as Fab fragments, including the products of a Fab immunoglobulin bank. The antibodies produced against the polypeptides of the present invention can be obtained by administration of the polypeptides of the present invention or fragments carrying epitopes, their analogues or  
30 also animal cells, preferably non-human, by using routine protocols for the preparation of monoclonal antibodies. Such antibodies can be prepared by methods well known in this field such as those described in the book Antibodies, Laboratory manual Ed. Harbow and David Larre, Cold Spring  
35 Harbor laboratory Eds, 1988.

Therefore a quite particular subject of the present invention is an antibody directed against any one of the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024,

PCaNL260, PCaDR361 of the present invention or a fragment of these proteins. Such a fragment has in particular the same function as the protein from which it originated.

A subject of the present invention is also the use of  
5 genes CaDR472, CaDR489, 1CaDR527, 2CaDR527, CaFL024, CaNL260 and CaDR361 of the present invention or of the proteins coded by these genes as defined above for the preparation of compositions which can be used for the diagnosis or treatment of diseases caused by the pathogenic yeast *Candida albicans*.

10 The present invention also relates to the use of the polynucleotides of the present invention as diagnostic reagents. The detection of a polynucleotide according to the present invention coding for one of the proteins of *Candida albicans* of the present invention or of its analogues in a  
15 eucaryote in particular a mammal and more particularly a human being, can constitute a means of diagnosing a disease: thus, such a polynucleotide according to the present invention and in particular a DNA sequence can be detected by a wide variety of techniques in a eucaryote in particular a  
20 mammal and more particularly a human being, infected by an organism containing at least one of the polynucleotides of the present invention. The nucleic acids for such a use as a diagnostic tool can be detected in infected cells or tissues, such as bone, blood, muscle, cartilage or skin. For this  
25 detection, the genomic DNA can be used directly or also be amplified by PCR or another amplification technique. The RNA or DNA and cDNA can also be used with the same purpose. By amplification techniques, the line of the mycete present in a eucaryote in particular a mammal and more particularly a  
30 human being, can be characterized by analysis of the genotype. Deletions or insertions can be detected by a change in the size of the amplified product in comparison with the genotype of the reference sequence. The points of mutation can be identified by hybridization of the DNA amplified with  
35 the sequences, labelled by a radioactive element, of polynucleotides of the present invention. Perfectly complementary sequences can therefore be distinguished from duplexes which poorly resist digestion by nucleases. The DNA

sequence differences can also be detected by alterations in the electrophoretic mobility of DNA fragments in gels, with or without denaturing agent, or by direct DNA sequencing (reference: Myers et al. Science, 230: 1242 (1985)).

5       Sequence changes at specific locations can also be revealed by protection experiments against nucleases such as RNase I and S1 or by chemical cleavage methods (reference: Cotton et al., Proc Natl Acad Sci, USA, 85: 4397-4401 (1985)).

10       Cells containing one of the polynucleotides of the present invention carrying mutations or polymorphisms can also be detected by a large number of techniques making it possible in particular to determine the serotype. For example, the RT-PCR technique can be used to detect the mutations. It is particularly preferable to use RT-PCR  
15 techniques in conjunction with automatic detection systems, such as for example the GeneScan technique. RNA and cDNA can be used in the PCR or RT-PCR techniques. For example, complementary primers of polynucleotides coding for the polypeptides of the present invention can be used to identify  
20 and analyse the mutations.

Primers can therefore be used to amplify an isolated DNA from the infected individual. In this way mutations in the DNA sequence can be detected and used to diagnose the infection and determine the serotype or the classification of  
25 the infectious agent. Such techniques are standard for a person skilled in the art and are described in particular in the manual 'Current Protocols in Molecular Biology', Ausubel et al, ed. John Wiley & sons, Inc., 1995).

The present invention therefore relates to a process of  
30 diagnosing a disease and preferably a fungal infection caused by *Candida albicans* such as mycoses as indicated above, this process comprising the determination from a sample taken from an infected individual, an increase in the quantity of one of the polynucleotides of the present invention. Such a  
35 polynucleotide can in particular have a DNA sequence of the present invention as defined above.

Increases or reductions in the quantity of polynucleotides can be measured by techniques well known to a person skilled

in the art such as in particular amplification, PCR, RT PCR, Northern blotting or other hybridization techniques.

In addition, a diagnosis method in accordance with the present invention consists of the detection of too large an  
5 expression of polypeptides of the present invention, in comparison with control samples constituted by normal, non-infected tissues used to detect the presence of an infection.

The techniques which can therefore be used to detect the quantities of proteins expressed in a host cell sample are  
10 well known to a person skilled in the art. For example radioimmunoassay or competitive-binding techniques, Western Blot analysis and ELISA test (ref Ausubel indicated above) can thus be mentioned.

A subject of the present invention is also a kit for the  
15 diagnosis of fungal infections comprising a DNA sequence according to the present invention as defined above or a similar sequence or a functional fragment of this sequence, the polypeptide coded by this sequence or a polypeptide fragment having the same function or an antibody directed  
20 against such a polypeptide coded by this DNA sequence or against a fragment of this polypeptide.

This kit can thus contain a DNA sequence according to the present invention as defined above either for example the DNA sequence SEQ ID No. 1, SEQ ID No. 3, SEQ ID No. 5, SEQ ID  
25 No. 7, SEQ ID No. 9, SEQ ID No. 11 or SEQ ID No. 13 or a fragment of this sequence.

Such a kit can similarly contain a polypeptide according to the present invention or a fragment of this polypeptide and in particular one of the proteins according to the  
30 present invention having the AA sequence SEQ ID No: 2, SEQ ID No. 4, SEQ ID No. 6, SEQ ID No. 8, SEQ ID No. 10, SEQ ID No. 12 and SEQ ID No. 14 or also an antibody as defined above.

Such a kit can be prepared according to methods well known to a person skilled in the art.

35 The sequence listing SEQ ID No. 1 to SEQ ID No. 32 and Figures 1 to 6 hereafter show the following illustrations which allow a better description of the present invention.

Sequences SEQ ID No. 1 to SEQ ID No. 32 represent the

nucleotide or peptide sequences indicated in the present invention.

Sequences SEQ ID No. 1 to SEQ ID No. 14 describe the nucleotide sequences of the genes of *Candida albicans* of the present invention and the peptide sequences of the proteins derived from these genes.

Sequences SEQ ID No. 1, SEQ ID No. 3, SEQ ID No. 5, SEQ ID No. 7, SEQ ID No. 9, SEQ ID No. 11 or SEQ ID No. 13 thus respectively describe the nucleotide sequences of the genes of *Candida albicans* of the present invention: CaDR472, CaDR489, 1CaDR527, 2CaDR527, CaFL024, CaNL260 and CaDR361.

Sequences SEQ ID No. 2, SEQ ID No. 4, SEQ ID No. 6, SEQ ID No. 8, SEQ ID No. 10, SEQ ID No. 12 and SEQ ID No. 14 respectively describe the peptide sequences of the proteins derived from the genes of the present invention.

Thus, for example, sequences SEQ ID No. 1 and SEQ ID No. 2 respectively represent the nucleotide sequence of the gene CaDR472 and the peptide sequence of the protein derived from this gene namely PCaDR472.

Sequences SEQ ID No. 15 to SEQ ID No. 20 respectively represent the sequences of the 6 probes used for the preparation of the genes of *Candida albicans* of the present invention as indicated hereafter in the experimental part.

Sequences SEQ ID No. 21 to SEQ ID No. 32 respectively represent the sequences of the 2 x 6 oligonucleotides used to amplify the probes for the preparation of the genes of *Candida albicans* of the present invention as indicated hereafter in the experimental part.

Figures 1 to 6 hereafter each refer respectively to one of the 6 preparations of the genes of *Candida albicans* of the present invention namely: CaDR472, CaDR489, 1CaDR527/2CaDR527, CaFL024, CaNL260 and CaDR361, these preparations being described hereafter in the experimental part in Examples 1 to 6.

Each of Figures 1 to 6 describe the comparison of the protein derived from the probe used for the preparation of one of the genes of *Candida albicans* of the present invention (the 6 probes used having sequences SEQ ID No. 15 to SEQ ID



No. 20) with the sequence of the gene of *S.c.* taken as a starting point of the preparation of this gene of *Candida albicans*.

Thus, with reference to Example 1 of the preparation of the gene CaDR472 of the present invention, Figure 33 represents the comparison of the protein derived from the probe of CaDR472 (SEQ ID No. 15) with the protein derived from the gene YDR472w of *S. cerevisiae*.

The experimental part hereafter allows the description of the present invention without however limiting it.

#### Experimental part

#### **EXAMPLE 1: Cloning and sequencing of the gene CaDR472**

(method A)

The Stanford Internet site (<http://candida.stanford.edu/>) allows direct access to the preliminary sequences of the genome of *Candida albicans*. One of these sequences has an homology with the gene YDR472w of *S. cerevisiae*. Two oligonucleotides have been chosen in this sequence namely:

5'CAATTTATTC ATGTTTCGNAT CTGGAAATTG ATTTT3' called SEQ ID No. 21 and 5'CCAAATCTCA AACTCTCTCT AATTAAAAC3' called SEQ ID No. 22.

These two oligonucleotides are used to amplify the fragment of *C. albicans*. After cloning, a so-called probe sequence of CaDR472 of 320 base pairs close to the expected sequence was obtained: the probe of CaDR472 is called SEQ ID NO 15. The protein derived from the probe of CaDR472 (SEQ ID NO 15) was compared to that of YDR472w which demonstrates an identity of 48% between these two AA sequences: this comparison is represented in Figure 1.

The fragment of 320 base pairs of *C. albicans* was used as a probe for screening the gene bank of *C. albicans*: this bank of C.a. was prepared by partial digestion of the genomic DNA of *C. albicans* by Sau3AI and cloning in the vector YEP24 at the BamHI restriction site. The clones of the gene bank were then plated at the density of 2000 clones per dish: each dish is then covered with a nitrocellulose filter which is successively treated with: NaOH, 0.5M, for 5 minutes; Tris,

1M, pH 7.7, for 5 minutes; Tris , 0.5M, pH 7.7, NaCl , 1.25M, for 5 minutes. After drying, the filters are kept for two hours at 80°C. Prehybridization and hybridization are carried out in a buffer of 40 % formamide, 5xSSC, 20 mM Tris pH 7.7 1xDenhardt 0.1 % SDS. The probe is then labelled with P32 using the Rediprime and dCTP 32p kit from Amersham UK. Hybridization is carried out for 17 hours at 42°C. The filters are then washed with 1xSSC, 0.1 % SDS, three times for 5 minutes at ambient temperature and then twice for 30 minutes at 60°C then subjected to an autoradiography overnight. The colonies corresponding to the spots obtained are isolated by a new plating at low density followed by hybridization: 8 positive clones are thus obtained (from 60 000) which are then sequenced using an ABI 377 device. Sequences are compiled using ABI software then analyzed using a GCG software package. One of the 8 clones is shown to contain the complete coding sequence corresponding to the probe used: this gene is called CaDR472 and this sequence is called SEQ ID NO 1.

CaDR472 has 47.5 % of nucleotides identical to YDR472w of *S. cerevisiae*.

For the translation to amino acids, account was taken of the fact that in *C. albicans* the CTG codon is translated to serine (there is one CTG codon in CaDR472). The protein derived from the gene CaDR472 (SEQ ID No. 1) namely SEQ ID No. 2 (PCaDR472) has 52.4 % similarity in amino acids and 44 % identity in amino acids with the protein derived from YDR472w.

The complete sequence of the gene CaDR472 contains a CTG codon.

#### **EXAMPLE 2: Cloning and sequencing of the gene CaDR489**

The operation is carried out as in Example 1 starting from preliminary sequences of the genome of *Candida albicans* from the Stanford Internet site (<http://candida.stanford.edu/>). One of these sequences has an homology with the gene YDR489w of *S. cerevisiae*. Two oligonucleotides were chosen in this sequence namely: 5'GTTTCATGTTT GGTGACTCAG AGCGTCTCAA CTATATTG3' called SEQ ID

No. 23

and 5'TTTGATAAAC ACAGGCTGGT CTAAATCTGG CTC3' called SEQ ID No. 24.

These two oligonucleotides are used to amplify the  
5 fragment of *C. albicans*. After cloning, a so-called probe  
sequence of CaDR489 of 295 base pairs close to the expected  
sequence was obtained: the probe of CaDR489 is called SEQ ID  
No. 16. The protein derived from the probe of CaDR489 (SEQ  
ID No. 16) was compared to that of YDR489w which demonstrates  
10 an identity of 41% between these two AA sequences: this  
comparison is represented in Figure 2.

The fragment of 295 base pairs of *C. albicans* was used  
as probe for screening the gene bank of *C. albicans* prepared  
by partial digestion of the genomic DNA of *C. albicans*  
15 proceeding as in Example 1.

The cloning is carried out as indicated in Example 1 and  
after prehybridization and hybridization carried out as  
indicated in Example 1, 4 positive clones are obtained (from  
40 000). The sequencing and analyzing of the sequences  
20 obtained as indicated in Example 1, and thus a clone is  
obtained shown to contain the complete coding sequence  
corresponding to the probe used: this gene is called CaDR489  
and this sequence is called SEQ ID No. 4.  
CaDR489 has 48.1 % of nucleotides identical to YDR489w of *S.*  
25 *cerevisiae*.

The protein derived from the gene CaDR489 (SEQ ID No. 3)  
namely SEQ ID No. 4 or PcaDR489 has 50 % similarity in amino  
acids and 37 % of identity in amino acids with the protein  
derived from YDR489.

30 The complete sequence of the gene CaDR489 contains a CTG  
codon.

### **EXAMPLE 3: Cloning and sequencing of the gene CaDR527**

The operation is carried out as in Example 1 starting  
from preliminary sequences of the genome of *Candida albicans*  
35 from the Stanford Internet site  
(<http://candida.stanford.edu/>). One of these sequences has  
an homology with the gene YDR527w of *S. cerevisiae*. Two  
oligonucleotides have been chosen in this sequence namely:

5 'ATCTCTGATA TGAGATTG CTTTAAAGGC GA3' called SEQ ID No. 25  
and 5 'GGTCTTTTTT CCATCAGCTG CCTCTGTTAT TG3' called SEQ ID No.  
26.

These two oligonucleotides are used to amplify the  
5 fragment of *C. albicans*. After cloning, a so-called probe  
sequence of CaDR527 of 392 base pairs close to the expected  
sequence was obtained: the probe of CaDR527 is called SEQ ID  
No. 17. The protein derived from the probe of CaDR527 (SEQ  
ID No. 17) was compared to that of YDR527w which demonstrates  
10 an identity of 41% between these two AA sequences: this  
comparison is represented in Figure 3.

The fragment of 392 base pairs of *C. albicans* was used  
as probe for the screening of the gene bank of *C. albicans*  
prepared by partial digestion of the genomic DNA of *C.*  
15 *albicans* proceeding as in Example 1.

The cloning is carried out as indicated in Example 1 and  
after prehybridization and hybridization carried out as  
indicated in Example 1, 7 positive clones are obtained (from  
40 000). The sequencing and analysis of the sequences  
20 obtained is carried out as indicated in Example 1.

Thus two clones obtained are each shown to contain a  
complete coding sequence each corresponding to an allele of  
the probe used: this gene is called CaDR527 and the two  
alleles are thus called 1CaDR527 and 2CaDR527 and their  
25 respective sequences are respectively called SEQ ID No. 5 and  
SEQ ID No. 7.

It is noted that the genes of the alleles 1CaDR527 and  
2CaDR527 (SEQ ID No. 5 and SEQ ID No. 7) differ by 13  
nucleotides.

30 The gene CaDR527 (1st allele) has 53.8 % of nucleotides  
identical to YDR527w of *S. cerevisiae*.

The proteins derived from these alleles namely SEQ ID  
No. 6 (PCaDR527) for the 1st allele 1CaDR527 and SEQ ID No. 8  
for the 2nd allele 2CaDR527 differ between themselves by 5  
35 amino acids.

The protein derived from the gene CaDR527 (SEQ ID No. 6)  
has 58.9 % similarity in amino acids and 47.9 % identity in  
amino acids with the protein derived from YDR527.

The complete sequence of the gene CaDR527 does not contain a CTG codon.

**EXAMPLE 4: Cloning and sequencing of the gene CaFL024**  
(method B)

- 5 The Stanford Internet site (<http://candida.stanford.edu/>) allows direct access to the preliminary sequences of the genome of *Candida albicans*. One of these sequences has an homology with the gene YFL024c of *S. cerevisiae*. Two oligonucleotides were chosen in this sequence namely:
- 10 5' ATTCCCACAC CGGACGCTTC 3' called SEQ ID No. 27  
and 5'GACAACTCCT CGTACGATAG 3' called SEQ ID No. 28.

These two oligonucleotides are used to amplify the fragment of *C. albicans*. After cloning, a so-called probe sequence of CaFL024 of 335 base pairs close to the expected  
15 sequence was obtained: the probe of CaFL024 is called SEQ ID No. 18. The protein derived from the probe of CaFL024 (SEQ ID No. 18) was compared to that of YFL024c which demonstrates a similarity of 62 % and an identity of 58 % between these two AA sequences: this comparison is represented in Figure 4.

20 This fragment of 335 base pairs of *C. albicans* was used as probe for screening a gene bank of *C. albicans*: this bank of genes of C.a. was prepared by partial digestion of the genomic DNA of *C. albicans* by SauIIIA and cloning in the vector YEP-24 at the BamHI restriction site. The clones of  
25 the gene bank were then plated at a density of 2000 clones per dish: each dish is then covered with a nitrocellulose filter which is successively treated with: 1.5 M NaCl/ 0.5 M NaOH for 5 minutes; 1.5 M NaCl/0.5 M Tris-HCl pH 7.2/1 mM EDTA for 3 minutes, twice.

30 The DNA is then 'crosslinked' to the filter (Amersham Life Science, ultraviolet crosslinker).

The probe (100 ng) is then labelled with P32 using the Rediprime and dCTP kit (Amersham Life Science).

Prehybridization and hybridization of the filters are  
35 carried out in a buffer of 30 % of formamide, 5 x SSC, 5 % of Denhardt's solution, 1 % SDS, 100 µg/ml of salmon sperm DNA and a concentration of the probe of 10(6) cpm/ml: the hybridization is carried out at 42°C for 16 hours.

The filters are then washed three times, for 5 minutes each time, at ambient temperature with 2 x SSC/ 0.1 % SDS then three times with 1 x SSC/ 0.1 % SDS for 20 minutes each time at 60°C. The filters are subjected to an autoradiography overnight. The colonies corresponding to the positive clones (spots obtained) are isolated and subjected to a second screening by a new plating at low density followed by hybridization: 6 clones are thus obtained (from 144 000) which are then sequenced using an ABI 377 device. Sequences are compiled using ABI software then analyzed using a GCG software package. One of the 6 clones is shown to contain the complete coding sequence corresponding to the probe used: this gene is called CaFL024 and this sequence called SEQ ID NO 9.

CaFL024 has 49.1 % of nucleotides identical to YFL024c of *S. cerevisiae*.

There are 2 CTG codons in CaFL024. The protein derived from the gene CaFL024 (SEQ ID No. 9) namely SEQ ID No. 10 (PCaFL024) has 51.8 % similarity in amino acids and 44.0 % identity in amino acids with the protein derived from YFL024c.

#### **EXAMPLE 5: Cloning and sequencing of the gene CanL260**

The operation is carried out as in Example 4 starting from preliminary sequences of the genome of *Candida albicans* on the Stanford Internet site (<http://candida.stanford.edu/>). One of these sequences has an homology with the gene YNL260c of *S. cerevisiae*. Two oligonucleotides were chosen in this sequence namely: 5' AGATAATGTATTAAATTTAG 3' called SEQ ID No. 29 and 5' CTCTTAATTTATTTCTTGCC 3' called SEQ ID No. 30.

These two oligonucleotides are used to amplify the fragment of *C. albicans*. After cloning, a so-called probe sequence of CanL260 of 326 base pairs close to the expected sequence was obtained: the probe of CanL260 is called SEQ ID No. 19. The protein derived from the probe of CanL260 (SEQ ID No. 19) was compared to that of YNL260c which demonstrates a similarity of 56.7 % and an identity of 40.3 % between these two AA sequences: this comparison is represented in

Figure 5.

The fragment of 326 base pairs of *C. albicans* was used as probe for screening the gene bank of *C. albicans* prepared by partial digestion of the genomic DNA of *C. albicans*

5 proceeding as in Example 4.

The prehybridization and hybridization are carried out as indicated in Example 4, 2 positive clones are obtained (from 40 000). The sequencing and analysis of the sequences obtained are carried out as indicated in Example 4, and a  
10 clone is thus obtained shown to contain the complete coding sequence corresponding to the probe used: this gene is called CaNL260 and this sequence is called SEQ ID No. 11.

CaNL260 has 47.6 % of nucleotides identical to YNL260c of *S. cerevisiae*.

15 The protein derived from the gene CaNL260 (SEQ ID No. 11) namely SEQ ID No. 12 (PCaNL260) has 50.7 % similarity in amino acids and 32.6 % identity in amino acids with the protein derived from YNL260c.

There is no CTG codon in CaNL260.

#### 20 **EXAMPLE 6: Cloning and sequencing of the gene CaDR361**

The operation is carried out as in Example 4 starting from preliminary sequences of the genome of *Candida albicans*: The Stanford Internet site (<http://candida.stanford.edu/>) allows direct access to the preliminary sequences of the  
25 genome of *Candida albicans*.

One of these sequences has an homology with the gene YDR361c of *S. cerevisiae*. Two oligonucleotides were chosen in this sequence namely:

5' CCTCAAATTGATTTCATGC 3' called SEQ ID No. 31  
30 and 5'GTGGAATCACTTCAACTGGC 3' called SEQ ID No. 32.

These two oligonucleotides are used to amplify the fragment of *C. albicans*. After cloning, a so-called probe sequence of CaDR361 of 374 base pairs close to the expected sequence was obtained: the probe of CaDR361 is called SEQ ID  
35 No. 20. The protein derived from the probe of CaDR361 (SEQ ID No. 20) was compared to that of YDR361c which demonstrates a similarity of 52.4 % and an identity of 40.0 % between these two AA sequences: this comparison is represented in

Figure 6.

The fragment of 374 base pairs of *C. albicans* was used as probe for screening the gene bank of *C. albicans* prepared by partial digestion of the genomic DNA of *C. albicans* by  
5 Sau11/A and cloning in the vector YEP 24 (selection marker Trp) at the Bam HI restriction site.

The prehybridization and hybridization are carried out as indicated in Example 4, 4 positive clones are obtained (from 40 000). The sequencing and analysis of the sequences  
10 obtained are carried out as indicated in Example 4, and thus a clone is obtained which is shown to contain the complete coding sequence corresponding to the probe used: this gene is called CaDR361 and this sequence called SEQ ID No. 13.

CaDR361 has 53.9 % of nucleotides identical to YDR361c  
15 of *S. cerevisiae*.

CaDR361 there is no CTG codon in CaDR361.



## CLAIMS

1) Isolated polynucleotides each containing a nucleotide sequence chosen from the following group:

5       a) a polynucleotide having at least 50 % or at least 60 % and preferably at least 70 % identity with a polynucleotide coding for a polypeptide having the same function and having an amino acid sequence homologous with a sequence chosen from SEQ ID No. 2, SEQ ID No. 4, SEQ ID No. 6, SEQ ID No. 8, SEQ ID No. 10, SEQ ID No. 12 and SEQ ID No. 14,

      b) a complementary polynucleotide of polynucleotide a)

      c) a polynucleotide comprising at least 15 consecutive bases of the polynucleotide defined in a) and b).

15 2) Polynucleotides according to claim 1 such that these polynucleotides are of DNA.

3) Polynucleotides according to claim 1 such that these polynucleotides are of RNA.

4) Polynucleotides as defined in claim 2 each comprising a nucleotide sequence chosen from SEQ ID No. 1, SEQ ID No. 3, SEQ ID No. 5, SEQ ID No. 7, SEQ ID No. 9, SEQ ID No. 11 and SEQ ID No. 13.

5) DNA sequences as defined in claims 1, 2 and 4 characterized in that these DNA sequences are those of the genes coding respectively for the proteins of *Candida albicans* (having the same functions as the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361) and each containing a nucleotide sequence chosen from SEQ ID No. 1, SEQ ID No. 3, SEQ ID No. 5, SEQ ID No. 7, SEQ ID No. 9, SEQ ID No. 11 and SEQ ID No. 13.

6) DNA sequences of genes according to claim 5 each coding for an amino acid sequence chosen from SEQ ID No. 2, SEQ ID No. 4, SEQ ID No. 6, SEQ ID No. 8, SEQ ID No. 10, SEQ ID No. 12 and SEQ ID No. 14.

35 7) DNA sequences coding for the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 according to claims 5 and 6 as well as the DNA sequences which hybridize with these and/or have significant homologies with

these sequences or the fragments of these and code for proteins having the same functions.

- 8) DNA sequences according to claims 5 to 7 comprising modifications introduced by suppression, insertion and/or  
5 substitution of at least one nucleotide coding for the proteins having the same activities as the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361.
- 9) DNA sequences according to one of claims 5 to 8 as well as the DNA sequences which have an homology of nucleotide  
10 sequence of at least 50 % or at least 60 % and preferably at least 70 % with said DNA sequences.
- 10) DNA sequences according to one of claims 5 to 9 as well as the DNA sequences which code for the proteins with similar functions the respective AA sequences of which have an  
15 homology of at least 40 % and in particular of 45 % or of at least 50 %, rather at least 60 % and preferably at least 70 % with the AA sequences coded by said DNA sequences.
- 11) Polypeptides each having an amino acid sequence chosen from SEQ ID No. 2, SEQ ID No. 4, SEQ ID No. 6, SEQ ID No. 8,  
20 SEQ ID No. 10, SEQ ID No. 12 and SEQ ID No. 14 coded by the DNA sequences according to one of claims 5 to 10 and the analogues of these polypeptides.
- 12) Process for the preparation of recombinant proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260,  
25 PCaDR361 having respectively the amino acid sequences SEQ ID No. 2, SEQ ID No. 4, SEQ ID No. 6, SEQ ID No. 8, SEQ ID No. 10, SEQ ID No. 12 and SEQ ID No. 14 comprising, for the preparation of each of these proteins, the expression in an appropriate host of the DNA sequence coding for this protein  
30 according to one of claims 5 to 10 then the isolation and purification of said recombinant protein.
- 13) Expression vectors each containing one of the DNA sequences according to one of claims 5 to 10.
- 14) Host cell transformed with a vector according to claim  
35 13.
- 15) Process as defined in claim 12 in which the host cell is DH5 alpha E. coli or XL1-Blue E. coli.
- 16) Process as defined in claim 13 in which the host cell is

*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

- 17) One or more of the plasmids deposited at the CNCM under the numbers I-2214, I-2215, I-2216, I-2217, I-2211, I-2212 and I-2213.
- 5 18) Screening process for antifungal products characterized in that it comprises a stage where the activity of one of the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527, PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361, as defined in claim 11 is measured, in the presence of each of the products of which one wishes to  
10 determine the antifungal properties and the products having an inhibitory effect on this activity are selected.
- 19) Use of a product selected by the process according to claim 18 to obtain an antifungal agent.
- 20) Use of the genes of *Candida albicans* or of the proteins  
15 coded by these genes according to one of claims 5 to 11 for the selection of products having antifungal properties according to claim 19 as inhibitors of the proteins of *Candida albicans* coded by these genes.
- 21) Pharmaceutical compositions containing as active  
20 ingredient at least one inhibitor of the proteins of *Candida albicans* as defined in claim 20.
- 22) Use of the compositions as defined in claim 21 as antifungal agents.
- 23) Use of a polypeptide as defined in claim 11 or a fragment  
25 of this polypeptide having the same function for the preparation of a medicament intended to induce an immunological response in a mammal by inoculation of this medicament producing an antibody which allows said mammal to be protected against the disease.
- 30 24) Antibody directed against a polypeptide as defined in claim 11 or a fragment of this polypeptide having the same function.
- 25) Antibody as defined in claim 24 directed against any one of the proteins PCaDR472, PCaDR489, 1PCaDR527, 2PCaDR527,  
35 PCaFL024, PCaNL260, PCaDR361 or a fragment of these proteins.
- 26) Use of any one of the genes CaDR472, CaDR489, 1CaDR527, 2CaDR527, CaFL024, CaNL260 and CaDR361 or of any one of the proteins coded by these genes according to one of claims 5 to



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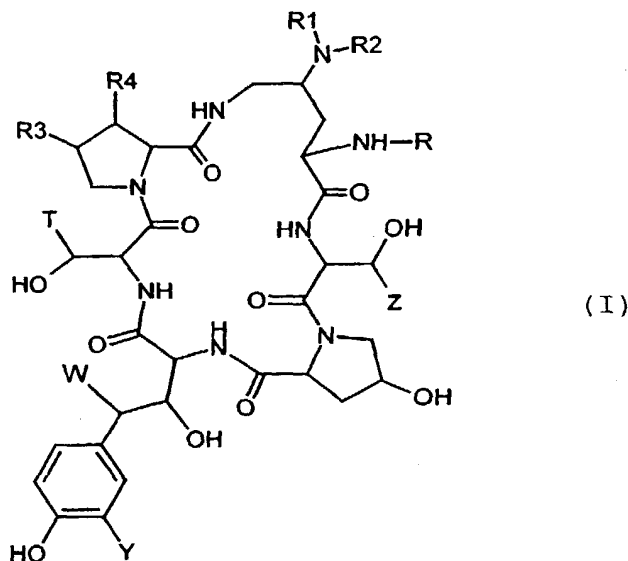
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(57) Abstract: The invention concerns compounds of formula (I) wherein: either R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> = H, OH, alkyl optionally substituted, or NR<sub>1</sub> forms with the carbon bearing NR<sub>1</sub>R<sub>2</sub> a double bond and R<sub>2</sub> is XRa, X being O, NH or N-alkyl and Ra being H, alkyl optionally substituted, or R<sub>2</sub> is e-N = C(-N-d)-N(f)-g; R<sub>3</sub> = H, OH, CH<sub>3</sub>; R<sub>4</sub> = H, OH; R = chain containing up to 30 carbon atoms, optionally containing one or several heteroatoms, one or several heterocycles; T = H, CH<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>CONH<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>C≡N, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Nalk<sup>+</sup>X<sup>-</sup>; Y = H, OH, halogen, OSO<sub>3</sub>H; W = H, OH; Z = H or CH<sub>3</sub>. The products have antifungal properties.

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CaDR472w x YDR472w probe comparison translation:

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1 .....QFIHVRIWKLIFGKTXIELX
20
      ||| | :| :|   :|
151 NERLQEKQTESLSNYITKMRRRDLKILDILQFIHGTLSYLFNHVSDDL
200
      .
21 NSQDLPMEYMIVENVPLLNRFISIPKEYGDLNCSAFVAGIIEGALDNSGF
70
      |:  |||||:| | | .| || | ...| || |||.| | |.||
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246
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      |||| .   . |||:||.|| || || |||
247 PCGVTahrmpQGHSQRTVYLIQFDRQVLDREGLRFG* 284

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FIGURE 1

CaDR489 x YDR489w probe comparison translation:

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1 .....FMFGDSERLNYIVRLYIRTRLSK
23
      | : |||:::| ||| |||
101 ISMGFLDMQNASNANPPMPNESKLPLLCMETELERLKFVIRSYIRCRLSK
150
24 LNKFTIFYINESSQNDN.....LLSKEERDYIHKYFQILTQLYNNCF
66
      :.||: |:: :.:|      |||:| | : | .| | . |
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199
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98
      |:|: | :.|| | .|| ||| .. |||
200 KYMPEELQAINDTESVNMIDEPDWNKFVFIHVNGPPDGKWNEDPLLQEN
249

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FIGURE 2

CaDR527 x YDR527w probe comparison translation:

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1 .....ISDMRFGFKGDLIE
14
                               :|: || | |||:
251 DKLHEKYFPDLPKEVDKLKWMQPVQQKTDKNYIIEDVSECRFDFNGDLV.
299
15 LAPVGDAPKDSSSDIRTHMGLHHHSETPHMAGYTLGELAHLARSTLAGQR
64
      |   |   | |||||:..|:|:|: || |||||   ||
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437
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FIGURE 3



CaFL024 x YFL024c probe comparison translation:

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1 .....IPTPDASRIWPEAHKYYKDQKFKQPETYIK
30
      ||||| | | | : | | : . |||
101 EVHLHRILQMGSHTKHKDYIPTPDASMTWNEYDKFYTG.SFQETTSYIK
149
      31 FSATVEDTVGVEYNMDEVDEKIFYRETLCKYYPKKKNKSDENNRKCTELEF
80
      ||||| | |||| | | | | . | || | |||
150 FSATVEDCCGTNYNMDERDETFLNEQV.....NKGSSD....ILTEDEF
189
      81 ETICDKLEKTIEARQPFLSMDPSNILSYEEL.....
111
      | : | | | ||||| | | | : |||
190 EILCSSFEHAIHERQPFLSMDPESILSFEELKPTLIKSDMADFNLRNQLN
239
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FIGURE 4

CaNL260c.x YNL260c. probe comparison translation:

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1 .....DIDNVLNLEEDQY
13
1 MVRNRFIRKMKNLFKSNHLSYLKSKWKVKITGQIKMDFDNLNLEEQYY
50
14 ELGFKEGQIQGTKDQYLEGKEYGYQTGFQRFLLIIGYIQELMKFWLSHIDQ
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: || |||: | :|||:| | ||||:| :| :|
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| .| .| :.: :| : . | | . |::|:: |:| |
97 YGLHSPTLEKNIHTIRTLMKGLKMNNDDESVMFEFVLIKLNKFKRTILI
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FIGURE 5

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CaDR361 x YDR361c probe comparison translation:

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1 .....LKLISMLLRIFKTLFG.DDNGEFNLSEIADLILRENS
36
      : ||| ||| :. ||:|||| |
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95
      .
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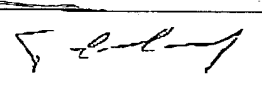
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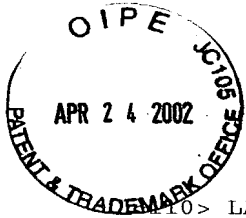
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